

Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2018

Town Office Building

Attending: D. Pierce, T. Fydenkevez, S. Patch

Absent: S. Bergeron

Others: S. Benjamin, Laurie S., G. Emery, B. Duby, S. Randall, E. Crowe

Meeting called to order at 6:47PM.

Fire Department Budget Presentation:

Steve Benjamin, Fire Chief presented the FY19 Fire Department budget. He noted there were two changes which included the Civil Defense line and the Town Park that includes a \$500 increase. The increase for the town park will cover septic pumping costs and removal of trees. CodeRED Emergency notification system's cost is slightly higher than the previous service and the same line item includes an increase for a \$500 stipend for the new Civil Defense Director. Total Fire Department budget increase is \$1,159. A capital request was submitted for a new fire truck which is currently out to bid through FRCOG services with bids due February 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Fydenkevez asked about the old fire truck value and if it was something that could be auctioned off by the town. Rental fees at the town park were also discussed. The current Fire Truck is a 1988 model and the new truck will cost \$510,000.00. The Fire Chief reminded residents to review carbon monoxide symptoms, check smoke detectors and perform other annual updates on furnaces, etc. Anyone who feels they may have issues should go outside and call 9-1-1.

Highway Department Budget Presentation:

Mr. Emery reported seasonal wages show an increase. There was a discussion regarding town mowing services, needs and options for change. Fuel expenses are up by about \$500, Snow and Ice Wages have increased by \$5,000 and expenses have increased by \$5,000 also. Mr. Emery reported that some towns are switching to all salt for snow surface treatment which saves on sweeping and catch basin clean-up expenses in the spring. The wage line is pending Personnel Committee recommendation. Highway Capital Requests includes a fuel dispenser for the diesel side at approximately \$5,000, the gas pump was upgraded last year. A new mower with zero turn for town property mowing would be approximately \$8,500-\$10,500. A vehicle lift for the town garage has been requested which would allow for more in-house vehicle repairs and would cost approximately \$9,500 (there would also be an increase in insurance liability for the lift). An F-250 with plow was also requested at a cost of \$40,000. The current loader is still operational.

Motion Mr. Fydenkevez to accept the minutes of January 22, 2018, January 29, 2018 and February 5, 2018, Second Mr. Pierce on all minutes motions, Vote 2-0.

UPDATES

- Mr. Fydenkevez noted the good turn-out for the Fire Department's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.
- The next SCEMS meeting is February 22, 2018.
- Mr. Pierce stated the Personnel Committee is getting closer with recommendations for FY19 budget.
- Mr. Fydenkevez announced that Representative Steve Kulik will not be running for re-election at the end of his term and thanked him for his dedication and service. Mr. Fydenkevez recognized that we have been very lucky to have someone of Steve's character who has been hard working for his constituents and has always been available when needed. Steve has served for 25-years.
- Town Offices will be closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> due to the President's Day Holiday.

Motion Mr. Fydenkevez to adjourn at 7:40PM, Second Mr. Pierce Vote 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch  
Town Administrator